population is about 24% based on life insurance business in the form of only individual policies. In addition to this, LIC have 2.42 crores of members covered under the Group and Superannuation Schemes. Besides, they also operate Social Security Schemes covering the Landless Agricultural Labourers and other weaker sections of the society.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Expenditure incurred on Joint Coastal Patrolling by Maharashtra Government

1560. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Maharashtra regarding reimbursement of expenditure incurred on account of joint Coastal patrolling;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed thereon;

(c) the amount sought to be reimbursed by the State Government and reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(d) Since how long the proposal is pending consideration of the Central Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra had claimed from the Government of India, the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the former on joint Coastal Patrolling in 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the Coastal Surveillance Scheme amounting to Rs. 6,19,11,000/-. After processing the claims in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government sanction for Rs. 474.14 lakhs as special financial assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for financing the Coastal Surveillance Scheme in 1993-94 was issued in March, 1995. No claims are pending with the Government of India, for reimbursement of the expenditure to Government of Maharashtra on this account.

Fixation of responsibility for loss of textiles cartons by Air India Staff

1561. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India have fixed responsibility of their staff and officers who were responsible for the loss of eight cartons of valuable textile for which a compensation of about rupees five lakhs was awarded by the National Commission for Consumer Protection to the complainant in Shobha Global Vs. Air India (original petition No. 256 of 1993 decided on 23rd February, 1995);

(b) if so, the names and designations of those held responsible for the loss to Air India and whether the loss incurred has been recovered from them;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Air India to ensure that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The loss of eight cartons of textile, was reported to the local police. The police are investigating.

(d) Air India is taking steps to strengthen security arrangements to combat pilferage.

Construction of new Airports in States

1562. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received during the last three years from different State Governments for construction of new airports;

(b) the action initiated by the Central Government thereon; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Karnataka Government have proposed setting up of a new airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore and also at Mangalore. The Kerala Government have proposed development of a new airport at Nedumbassery. Both the Governments referred